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SUBJECT: MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS AT JALAPA,
NICARAGUA

REF: SAN JOSE 1786

1. INFLUENTIAL DAILY LA NACION GAVE PROMINENT ATTENTION IN
MAY 12 AND 13 EDITIONS TO PROJECTED MEETING OF CENTRAL
AMERICAN PRESIDENTS IN JALAPA, NICARAGUA, ON MAY 29.
NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT IN ADDITION TO CENTRAL AMERICAN
PRESIDENTS AND GUATEMALA PRESIDENT-ELECT, PANAMANIAN
CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL TORRIJOS WOULD ATTEND.
PRINCIPAL THEME, LA NACION SAID, WILL BE "PEACE BETWEEN
HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR." OTHER PROBLEMS, IN ORDER
REPORTED, WILL BE: (A) BANANAS AND THE EXPORT TAX; (B) CON-
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STRUCTION OF A REFINERY IN COSTA RICA AND; (C) THE

POSSIBILITY THAT PANAMA WILL JOIN THE CENTRAL AMERICAN
COMMON MARKET.

2. THE NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT IN ADDITION TO PRESIDENT
ODUBER THE GOCR DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF FIRST VICE
PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY, CARLOS MANUEL
CASTILLO; MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, GONZALO FACIO;
MINISTER OF ECONOMY, INDUSTRY, AND COMMERCE, JORGE
SANCHEZ; AND COSTA RICAN HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE,
RODOLFO SOLANO.

3. COMMENT: IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS (SEE SAN JOSE
1786) PRESIDENT ODUBER PUT STRONG EMPHASIS ON WORKING TO
REINVIGORATE THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY, NOTING THAT
HE PLANNED TO PLAY A PERSONAL ROLE IN THIS PROCESS. ODUBER
ALSO EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THAT PANAMA SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED A PART OF THAT COMMUNITY.
A DELEGATION OF THE CALIBRE REPORTED BY LA NACION CERTAINLY
SEEMS TO UNDLINE THIS HIGH PRIORITY TO INTEGRATION MATTERS.
CONTRARY TO THE SITUATION UNDER THE FIGUERES ADMINISTRATION,
WHERE CACM MATTERS WERE SELDOM HANDLED ABOVE THE TECHNICAL LEVEL,
ODUBER STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT RESTRUCTURING--OR ANY PROGRESS
TOWARD PERFECTING THE CACM--ISIMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT POLITICAL
SOLUTIONS AT THE CHIEF OF STATE LEVEL.
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